

Response to Office Action
Dated December 16, 2004

Appln. No. 09/490,268

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REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 16, 2004. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

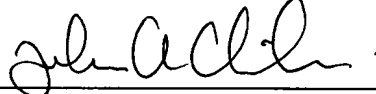
Allowed Claims

Claims 26-61 are pending. Applicant acknowledges, with appreciation, that Claims 26-39 and 60 are allowed. Consistent with his election in the restriction made final by the Examiner, applicant hereby cancels Claims 40-59 and 61 without prejudice.

Applicant contends that the application is in condition for allowance and requests that it be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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